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Under the Local Government Act, 1972, there is now no statutory requirement to publish an Annual Report. Additionally, as from 31st March, 1974, the Aylesbury Borough Council ceased to exist, so that, in fact, there is no corporate body to whom the Report can be presented.

It is considered, however, that the very useful statistical information that has been collected during 1973 and for the first quarter of 1974 should be recorded.

This Report, therefore, is basically statistical information covering the period 1st January, 1973 to 31st March, 1974.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,594 acres
Population (estimated mid-1973).	...	...					41,420
Number of inhabited houses (at the end of 1973 according to Rate Books)...	...	...					13,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£6,845,879	
Sum represented by a 1p rate	...	...	...	...	...	£69,308	

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Live Births:-

	<u>1972</u>			<u>1973</u>		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	300	284	584	275	295	570
Illegitimate ...	30	21	51	27	17	44
					<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Rate per 1,000 population ...				...	15.54	14.82
Rate (corrected) ...				...	14.30	14.21
Rate for England and Wales ...				...	14.8	13.7
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births) ...				...	8.03	7.17

Still Births:-

<u>1972</u>				<u>1973</u>		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	3	4	7	1	1	2
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	1	-	1

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	10.90	4.86

DEATHS

<u>1972</u>				<u>1973</u>			
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
Deaths ...	182	152	334	176	164	340	
				<u>1972</u> <u>1973</u>			
Rate per 1,000 population ...				...	8.17	8.21	
Standardised Rate ...				...	10.38	10.67	
Rate for England and Wales ...				...	12.1	12.0	

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

<u>1972</u>				<u>1973</u>			
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
Legitimate ...	4	6	10	4	2	6	
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	2	-	2	

Death rate of infants under one year of age:-

				<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
All infants per 1,000 live births ...				15.75	13.03
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...				17.12	10.53
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...				-	45.45
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales				17.00	17.00

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age:-

<u>1972</u>				<u>1973</u>			
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
Legitimate ...	2	1	3	2	2	4	
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	2	-	2	
				<u>1972</u> <u>1973</u>			

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births ...	...	...	...	...	4.72	9.77
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Deaths of infants under one week of age:-

<u>1972</u>				<u>1973</u>			
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
Legitimate ...	2	1	3	-	2	2	
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	2	-	2	
				<u>1972</u> <u>1973</u>			

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	4.72	6.51
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and still births) ...	...15.58	11.35

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS

	M	F
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	1	-
Late effects of respiratory tuberculosis.	2	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases...	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc....	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus ...	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.. ...	5	3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine ...	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, larynx... ...	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus. ...	22	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast... ...	-	8
Malignant neoplasm, uterus... ...	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, prostate. ...	2	-
Leukaemia ...	2	3
Other malignant neoplasms ...	11	16
Benign and unspecified neoplasms...	2	1
Diabetes mellitus ...	1	4
Other endocrine etc., diseases ...	1	-
Mental disorders. ...	1	-
Anaemias ...	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ...	4	5
Hypertensive heart disease... ...	6	4
Ischaemic heart disease ...	40	31
Other forms of heart disease. ...	3	5
Cerebrovascular disease ...	19	24
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	5	8
Pneumonia ...	5	15
Bronchitis and emphysema ...	9	3
Asthma ...	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	2	4
Peptic ulcer ...	1	2
Appendicitis ...	2	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia.. ...	2	-
Cirrhosis of liver ...	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system. ...	1	4
Other diseases, genito-urinary system ...	3	2
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue ...	1	1
Congenital anomalies... ...	5	3
Difficult delivery and/or anoxic condition	1	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality ...	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents ...	2	-
All other accidents ...	2	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ...	2	2
All other external causes ...	2	-
	176	164

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

	Total Notifications Received		Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital	
	1972	1st Jan:1973 to 31st March, 1974	1972	1st Jan: 1973 to 31st March 1974
		Male Female		
Measles ...	118	21 13	-	-
Food Poisoning..	7	1 -	-	1
Infective Jaundice	5	3 2	-	-
Acute Meningitis	2	- -	-	-
Dysentery ...	-	3 1	-	-
Scarlet Fever...	-	3 -	-	-

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the period
1/1/73 - 31/3/74 with analysis under age groups

	Under 1 yr	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 65 years	over 65 yrs	Age Unknown	Totals
Measles	2	4	11	13	3	-	-	1	-	-	34
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

TUBERCULOSIS

Period: 1/1/73 - 31/3/74

	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F
Age Groups:-				
0 -	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	1	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	-
15 -	9	2	-	-
25 -	1	2	-	-
35 -	-	-	-	-
45 -	1	-	-	-
55 -	1	-	1	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	13	5	1	-

No cases moved into the area during the period; which were originally notified in other districts

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory Cases</u> <u>Rate per 1,000 of</u> <u>Population</u>
1962	29,090	10	7	0.24
1963	31,030	17	15	0.48
1964	32,510	9	7	0.22
1965	33,680	9	6	0.18
1966	34,380	11	8	0.23
1967	35,190	12	11	0.31
1968	35,990	10	10	0.28
1969	36,730	16	14	0.38
1970	36,920	11	8	0.22
1971	41,100	7	5	0.12
1972	40,860	12	12	0.29
1/1/73 to 31/3/74	41,420	19	18	0.43

Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital

Routine samples of ice cream and water and other specimens requiring bacteriological examination were sent to this Laboratory throughout the period of this Report. Reports were received with the minimum delay, and the help and advice given by the Medical Director were much appreciated.

Open Air Swimming Pool, Park Street

Fourteen samples were taken from the above Pool, (eleven for chlorine and pH content, and three for bacteriological examination), all of which were satisfactory.

The number of bathers using the Pool during the period under review was 71,947. The figure for 1972 was 41,035.

Sauna Bath

The number of attendances at the Sauna Bath during the fifteen months was 2,993.

School Swimming Pools

At the request of the County Health Inspector, the Department accepted responsibility for sampling the school swimming pools in the Borough.

Eighteen samples (ten bacteriological and eight for chlorine content) were taken during the period under review. One of these samples proved to be unsatisfactory due to low chlorination.

Hot Baths

Attendances at the Hot Baths, adjoining the Swimming Pool at Park Street, amounted to a total of 1,570 during the fifteen months.

Schools

The water supply and sanitary accommodation to all schools in the Borough are adequate.

Local Rainfall

January	.97 ins.	July	1.52 ins.
February	.77 ins.	August	1.26 ins.
March	.46 ins.	September	1.41 ins.
April	1.72 ins.	October	.87 ins.
May	2.01 ins.	November	1.55 ins.
June	3.24 ins.	December	1.99 ins.

(Figures supplied by Mr.G.B.Hannay, Borough Engineer and Surveyor)

Mr.Hannay stated that the total rainfall for the year was 17.77 inches; which was well below the yearly average of 24.68 inches, and the lowest since 1964, when 17.70 inches was recorded.

The amount of rainfall for March was the lowest recorded for that month for twelve years, and the rainfall in June was the second highest for that month for nineteen years.

The highest daily rainfall occurred on 19th June, when 1.22 inches was recorded.

Outworkers

There are eight outworkers' premises in the town, all of which are in a satisfactory condition.

HOUSING ACTS, 1961 AND 1969

The number of visits made in connection with the administration of the Improvement Grant Scheme during the period 1/1/73 to 31/3/74 was 732. The number of applications for Improvement Grants approved during this period is as follows:-

Discretionary Grants	...	98
Standard Grants	...	15
Special Grants	...	Nil

Four Qualification Certificates were granted, but no applications were received during the period under review.

The following table gives details of the inspections which have been made in connection with the above Acts:-

Number of houses inspected	...	105
Inspections and re-inspections	...	182
Informal Notices served	...	33
Statutory Notices served	...	9
Miscellaneous housing inspections		371
Multi-occupation housing inspections		62
Improvement Grant inspections	...	732
Inspections re qualification certificates	...	13

Houses repaired:

By owners	...	38
By the Borough Council in default		Nil

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 AND 1961

The following table indicates the number of inspections etc., which have been made to premises under the Public Health Acts. During the fifteen months the Department cleared, free of charge, one hundred and sixteen drains which had been drawn to our attention.

Number of houses inspected	...	162
Re-inspections to above houses	...	77
Drainage inspections	...	225
Drainage tests	...	23
Blocked drains cleared by Dept	...	116
Nuisances found	...	305
Nuisances abated	...	305
Informal Notices served	...	14
Statutory Notices served and complied with	...	17

Home Dialysis Waste

Arrangements have continued for the collection and safe disposal of waste from the home dialysis machines in the town.

Water Supply

Eleven samples of water were taken from the main service by this Department during the period under review, all of which proved to be satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Shops, Restaurants, etc

The general standard of cleanliness and hygiene in food premises has remained satisfactory throughout the period under review.

The following table gives details of the inspections which have been made:-

Market Stalls	...	...	...	165
Grocers	...	...	...	235
Butchers	...	...	...	46
Restaurants and Canteens.	...	...	...	68
Fishmongers	...	...	...	9
Food Preparing Premises..	...	...	...	33
Fried Fish Shops...	...	...	...	18
Licensed Premises..	...	...	...	19
Bakehouses	...	...	...	18
Miscellaneous Food Premises	...	...	...	124

A substantial proportion of the District Public Health Inspectors time was spent in the administration of this aspect of our duties, 735 inspections of food premises were made, and 7 informal notices, requiring the execution of works, to bring premises up to a standard to comply with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970, were served, all the notices were complied with.

Twelve samples of food etc., were submitted to the Public Analyst, Mr.F.A.Lyne, for examination and report.

The amount of foodstuffs surrendered and disposed of from wholesale and retail premises in the Borough is as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs	Lbs
Fruit	-	1	1	-
Cheese	-	-	3	12
Meat	-	13	1	-
Fish	-	1	1	14
Tinned Vegetables	-	6	-	21
Tinned Fruit	1	6	1	21
Tinned Meat	-	1	-	4
Tinned Milk	-	1	2	14
Tinned Fish	-	-	1	21
Preserves	-	6	2	25
Miscellaneous...	-	9	3	19
Total:	3	9	-	11

Frozen Foods:-	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs	Lbs
Meat	-	16	1	14
Vegetables	-	9	2	25
Fish	-	8	-	23
Fruit	-	-	1	19
Milk Products...	-	8	-	9
Miscellaneous...	-	9	1	24
Total:	2	12	1	2

Total foodstuffs condemned during the period:-

Total for 1972: 6 Tons 2 cwts. - qtrs. 9 lbs.
 Total for period:
 1/1/73 to 31/3/74: 6 Tons 1 cwt. 1 qtr. 13 lbs.

One hundred and ten complaints, details of which are tabulated below, were received concerning food purchased by members of the public in the town. This is an increase on the 1972 figures, when sixty-eight complaints were received. All the complaints were fully investigated, and the appropriate action taken.

List of complaints received

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Reason for complaint</u>
Draught beer	Soapy taste
Crispbread	Dust lice (Psocids)
Large white loaf	Stale (complaint unfounded)
Packet of crumpets	Mouldy
Wensleydale cheese	Putrefaction
Mince	Sour (complaint unfounded)
Bitter lemon	Alleged stomach pains
Pkt of Jelly	Wire staple
Pork pie	Blue paper
Peeled prawns	Alleged food poisoning
Dutch cheese	Foreign matter (sandy soil containing rust)
Tin of ham	Piece of paper
Veal & ham pie	Mouldy
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Butter	Rancid
Bottles of lemonade	Covered in dust and diesel fumes
Cornish wafer	Discoloration (carbonaceous material)
Horlicks	Insect (insect not produced)
Fruesli baby food	Moths (Indian Meal Moths - Plodia interpunctella)
Egg rolls	Pieces of crockery
Sardine filled bread roll	Piece of cotton thread (Prosecution under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2. Fined £20)
Milk bottle	Dirty
Potatoes	Poor quality
Take-away Chinese meal	Unusual taste
Almond slice	Metal bolt
Tin of salmon	Nasty taste
Milk bottles	Dirty (Prosecution under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2. Fined £20)
Loaf of bread	Piece of rubbery plastic
Tin of milk	Piece of tin lead solder
Six bread rolls	Insects. Rice weevil and flour beetle (Stophilus oryzae and tribolium). (Prosecution under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2. Fined £20 plus £10.14 costs)
Small loaf	Dough containing iron oxide
Energen rolls	Glass
Sliced loaf	Piece of paper (fancy cake case)
Bottle of milk	Green substance
Can of Coca-cola	Insect (silver fish)
Loaf of bread	Portions of another loaf wrapped in it.
Tin of salmon	Tin wrongly labelled
Sausage rolls	Mouldy
Sausages	Small piece of tin

List of complaints received (contd:)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Reason for complaint</u>
Loaf of bread	Dark mark
Thin cut marmalade	Mouldy
Chocolate yoghurts	Stale (contents separated)
Strawberry flavoured	
choc ice	$\frac{3}{4}$ " metal screw
Sliced brown loaf	Mouldy (Prosecution under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2. Fined £25, plus £13.50 costs)
	Tobacco
Cream doughnut	Mouldy
Main course lamb soup	Bad
Eggs	Live insect
Portion of peach	Cream off
Fresh cream fruit trifle	Bad taste (old stock)
Krauter cheese	Stone in packet
K.P. Peanuts	Mouldy
Madiera cake	Wasp and wasp's head
Chicken & Fried Rice	Bitter taste
Ice lolly	Mouldy
Sausages	Piece of cardboard in bottle
Pasteurised milk	Alleged to be bad
Cooked chicken	Piece of string
French loaf	Unsound
Shoulder of lamb	Plastic spoon in bottle
Bottle of milk	Black carbon deposit from baking tin
Loaf of bread	Mouldy
Tin of spaghetti hoops	Mouldy
Scotch pancakes	Indian Meal Moth larvae
Soya flour	
Apple & celery stuffing mix	Maggots
Cheese cake	Small piece of clay
White loaf	Insufficiently cooked (breakdown in plant)
	Foreign matter (edible additive)
Brown loaf	Wasp
Tin Mandarin oranges	Unsound (complaint unfounded)
Chicken & ham pies	Metal fragment in mouth
Two pkts. Fish sticks	Hair
Pkt. dates	Insect
Individual apple pie	Alleged food poisoning (complaint unfounded)
Sausage rolls	Insect (Night moth - Omphaloscelis lumosa)
	Mouldy
Loaf of bread	Old currency price label, but sound
	Thought not to be chicken (complaint unfounded)
Cheese	Rancid
Ligo baby rusks	Rancid
Chicken portions	Layer of deposit on bottom of bottle
	Old shortbread left on baking tray
Butter	Unusual taste
Butter	Foreign body and green stain inside bottle
Bottle of milk	Out of code
Shortbread	Stone (in dried fruit)
Hot meat pie	Mouldy
Milk bottle	Out of code
	Glass in slice
Cottage cheese	Maggots (Mediterranean flour moth)
Malf loaf	Bad taste
Cheese	Bad taste
Baby food	
Sliced wrapped loaf	
Bag of flour	
Bottle of milk	
Bottle of milk	

List of complaints received (contd:)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Reason for complaint</u>
Red Leicester cheese	Mouldy
Sausages	Black colour on sausage (edible lubricant)
Turkey	Unsound (Turkey buried in garden - no action possible)
Bottle of homogenised milk	Sedimentation
Bread rolls	Dark mark - vegetable oil
Tin of pork luncheon meat	Black mark and brownish discoloration
Cream cakes	Complaint unfounded
Cream	Sold out of code
Chocolate dairy creme	
desserts	Sour smell
Coleslaw salad	Complaint unfounded
Butter	Sold out of code
Sliced brown loaf	Lump of dough
Sliced sandwich loaf	Piece of string
Pork luncheon meat	Mouldy
Bag of sugar	Sugar crystals and possibly coffee residue
Cheese	Mouldy
Raspberry yoghurt	Beetle
Bottle of golden orange juice	Dirty bottle
Milk	Designation

Four prosecutions for offences under the Food & Drugs Act were taken during the fifteen months. The first concerned a piece of cotton thread in a bread roll. The case was proved and a fine of £20 was imposed. The second case concerned dirty milk bottles. The case was proved and a fine of £20 was imposed. The third case was in connection with bread rolls, which contained insects, (rice weevils and flour beetles), this case was also proved, and the fine was £20 plus £10.14 costs. The fourth case concerned a mouldy sliced brown loaf. The case was proved, and a fine of £25, plus £13.50 costs was imposed.

MILK AND DAIRIES

There are sixty-one retailers of milk in the Borough registered under the above Regulations.

ICE CREAM

There are one hundred and twenty-one premises in the town registered for the sale of ice cream, in addition, a number of vendors, who are not subject to registration, tour the streets in mobile vehicles selling ice cream and ice lollies. Most of the mobile ice cream vendors now sell soft ice cream, and the majority of the bacteriological sampling of ice cream, in the Department, is directed towards this outlet.

The following table shows the grading which was given to the various bacteriological samples submitted for

examination. Grade 3 and 4 samples are considered to be unsatisfactory, and the principal reason for an unsatisfactory sample being obtained is the inadequate cleansing of the equipment.

Out of a total of nineteen samples of ice cream which were examined bacteriologically during the period, seven were unsatisfactory.

The ice cream samples examined during the period were graded as follows:-

Grade 1	...	11 samples
Grade 2	...	1 sample
Grade 3	...	6 samples
Grade 4	...	1 sample

Thirty-five visits were paid to ice cream dealers premises and premises from which mobile vans operated during the fifteen months covered by the report.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 AND 1968

The Aylesbury No.2. Smoke Control Order, 1972, which was confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Department of the Environment on 16th August, 1972, came into operation on the 1st July, 1973. The Area comprises 1,604 domestic dwellings, of which 1,581 are privately owned. In addition there are 12 industrial premises, 48 commercial premises, and 15 other premises, i.e., schools, churches, etc. The No.2. Area comprises 388 acres.

The Aylesbury No.3. Smoke Control Order, 1972, which was confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Department of the Environment on 18th April, 1973, came into operation on the 1st November, 1973. The Area comprises 1,357 domestic dwellings, 1,237 of which are privately owned. In addition, there are 22 industrial premises, 26 commercial premises, and 9 other premises, i.e., schools, churches, etc. The No.3. Area comprises 249.5 acres.

During the period of the report twenty-four smoke observations were carried out, and twenty-seven complaints were received concerning emissions of smoke, grit and fumes, all of these complaints were investigated, and the appropriate action taken.

Under section 6 of the 1968 Act, ten applications for prior approval of chimneys, serving furnaces, were received during the period of the report.

INVESTIGATION OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

In co-operation with Warren Spring Laboratory, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, four sites for volumetric apparatus are maintained in the town, and daily recordings of smoke concentrations and levels of sulphur dioxide are made.

The following table shows the average monthly concentrations of smoke and sulphur dioxide in microgrammes

per cubic metre for 1972 and 1973:-

<u>SMOKE</u>				<u>SULPHUR DIOXIDE</u>			
<u>1972</u>							
Site 4	Site 5	Site 6	Site 7	Site 4	Site 5	Site 6	Site 7
35	35	39	18	49	48	69	37
<u>1973</u>							
35	32	46	29	59	34	66	49

Site 4 - Oak Green School, Southcourt
 Site 5 - New Holland Factory, Gatehouse Road
 Site 6 - Municipal Offices, Friars Square
 Site 7 - Quarrendon Secondary School, Weedon Road

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

One hundred and twenty-three inspections and re-inspections under the provisions of the above Act were made during the fifteen months under review. Ten informal notices for contraventions of the Act were served. Generally speaking, however, the notices were for contraventions of a minor nature.

Sixteen accidents were reported during the period under review.

One of these accidents involved a 16 yrs old boy, who lost the tops of three fingers of his left hand whilst cleaning a hand operated slicing machine. Although the legal notices were displayed near the machine, this apprentice had been in the habit of cleaning it.

A prosecution was taken against the Company under sections 18 and 19 of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. However, the Magistrates dismissed the summons on both counts, being satisfied that so far as section 18 was concerned, the Company had exercised due diligence, and so far as section 19 was concerned, it was considered that the apprentice was under adequate supervision.

The following table gives a number of statistics in connection with visits to offices and shops:-

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the period:- 1/1/73 to 31/3/74	Number receiving a general inspection during the period:- 1/1/73 to 31/3/74	Total number of registered premises at end of March, 1974.	Total number of persons employed
Offices ...	3	43	206	2,249
Retail Shops ...	1	54	341	2,436
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses ...	1	14	26	356
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens ...	1	37	40	433
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	1	32

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

During the period of the report twenty-four complaints were received by the Department concerning excessive noise. The noise sources were varied, ranging from industrial premises to domestic dwellings.

All the complaints were investigated, informal action was taken by the Department, and in many cases improvements were effected.

A total of fifty-five visits was made in connection with the Noise Abatement Act during the fifteen months under review.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following table shows the number of factories in the town, and the number of inspections which were made to ensure that the provisions of the Act, which the Department is responsible for administering, were complied with.

Mechanical factories on register	...	137
Non-Mechanical factories on register...		17
Inspections of factories	...	84

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following table shows the number of visits etc., made by members of the Department in connection with the administration of the above Act:-

Private Premises treated	...	...	275
Re-visits	...	...	470
Business Premises treated	...	...	243
Re-visits	...	...	462
Local Authority Premises treated	...		16
Re-visits	...	...	70
Visits made by Public Health			
Inspectors	...	...	147
Wasps Nests destroyed	...	...	59

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

The Department is responsible, until re-organisation on 1st April, 1974, (when the responsibility for administering this legislation passes to the Bucks County Fire Brigade), for the inspection of petroleum installations and for the issue of licences under the above Act.

The following table indicates the number of licensed premises and the inspections that have been made, etc:-

Licences issued for storage of petroleum spirit and mixtures	...	...	...	66
Licences issued for storage of carbide of calcium	...			1
Inspectionsof petrol and carbide stores...	...	...	...	82

Quantity licensed to be stored:-

Petroleum Spirit	...	254,520 gallons
Petroleum Mixtures	...	4,106 gallons
Carbide of Calcium	...	300 lbs.
Total of Licence Fees	...	£306. 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Other work of the Department not covered by any of the previous headings include the following:-

Miscellaneous Visits	...	1,320
Interviews	...	2,001
Complaints received and investigated	...	385
Infectious Disease Visits.		79
Clean Air Act Visits	...	1,714

Seven scrap metal dealers are registered in the Borough.

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